Application projects should fit within the scope of the priorities listed below. This hierarchy pertains to all grants. All equipment is at a 50% match and invoices and proof of payment must demonstrate the agency paid the equivalent. Items listed below are examples of allowable costs under each Priority. The grants workgroup will review the applications as presented and determine ranking based on this hierarchy.

**Priority One: EQUIPMENT**

Projects/applications that include equipment that enhances regional communications through infrastructure, PSAP capabilities, and ARMER system usage will be considered. Investments should be in line with the State SECB 2019-2021 Strategic Plan and be an eligible and allowable cost for the grant being considered. Examples include but are not limited to: Consoles and PSAP equipment costs.

**Priority Two: PLANNING**

Projects/applications that include costs related to planning and implementation that enhances first responder communication through collaboration within counties, regions and the state will be considered. Investments will be in line with the State SECB 2019-2021 Strategic Plan and be an eligible and allowable cost the grant being considered. Examples include but are not limited to: Formal strategic plans, Planners, Feasibility Studies, Regional shared services studies, Joint meetings, statewide meetings.

**Priority Three: TRAINING/EXERCISE**

Projects/applications that include costs related to training to enhance usage of equipment, increasing knowledge of applications, overall educational focused criteria and exercises to enhance skills and knowledge in a supervised setting will be considered. Investments should be in line with the State ECB 2019-2021 Strategic Plan and be eligible and allowable cost for the grant being considered. Examples include but are not limited to: COML training, Dispatcher Training, Programming, certification exercises and general exercises for demonstration of core competencies.